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## newsletter

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Judy Ashmore, editor

## From the President

Greetings from the still chilly north! Mind you, our crocuses (croci?) have begun to bloom (mid-April), but it's still far from feeling springlike. Unless you too live in northern climes you can't begin to know how depressing it was to talk to Jean Williams in mid-March and hear that she was basking in 22°C (72°F)+ temperatures in North Carolina.

Plans for October's conference are now well underway. Carolyn Winn, our programme convenor, reports that the two main programme sessions will deal with the law of the sea and with maps and charts--their acquisition, cataloguing and handling. The social aspects of the conference are not being forgotten either. Our local arrangements co-convenors, Jean Williams and Ann Bowman Hall, are organizing what sounds like a grand conference. They've negotiated very reasonable hotel rates for us: \$26 single, \$31 double per night, and are planning a "package rate" conference fee that will include bus transportation to and from the airport and from the hotel to the conference site and back each day, three evening meals (Sunday-Tuesday) including drinks, and lunch on Monday. For those of you who plan to bring husbands, wives, friends, or other hangers-on, there will be a special fee for them which will include the three evening meals. I hope to see lots of you there.

According to our secretary, Alison Chesney, our latest membership renewal drive proved quite successful, and we now have 104 paid-up personal members and 20 institutional members, a significant increase from the figures given at the conference in November.

IAMSLIC has been invited to co-sponsor, with the Naval Oceanographic Office, a meeting of Gulf region marine librarians. Originally the meeting was planned for May, but has had to be postponed until autumn. It may even be held in conjunction with the IAMSLIC conference in October. Carolyn Winn, as vice-president/president-elect, has agreed to represent the Association at this get-together.

The Special Projects Committee reports that they have received no proposals thus far this year. Surely this is not indicative of a total lack of ideas within the IAMSLIC membership. Send your suggestions/proposals to the committee convenor, Anna Oxley, Scotia/Fundy Regional Librarian, P.O. Box 550, Halifax, N.S., Canada B3J 2S7.

And don't forget the logo contest either. I've received three submissions from one member so far, but am hoping for lots more before the conference.

Finally, our thanks--and sympathy--to our Newsletter editor, Judy Ashmore, for her dedication in producing this issue under what can only be described as trying conditions. The Marine Biological Laboratory Library is currently being renovated with the inevitable result of chaos and confusion. Last time I talked to Judy her "office" was now a desk in a hallway, and she expected to lose even that before long!

Betty Sutherland

EXCERPTS FROM THE  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

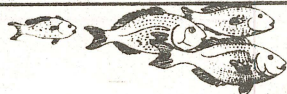
April 1982

The IAMSLIC executive board held its spring meeting via a conference telephone call on Thursday, 29 April, originating with President Betty Sutherland, and including President-Elect Carolyn Winn, Past President Kimberly Douglas, Secretary Alison Chesney, and Treasurer Kristen Metzger.

Minutes of the 13 November 1981 meeting were accepted without revision and Kristen reported a balance of \$969.61 in the treasury as of 28 April.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS: Votes received on the proposed Bylaws amendment, as of 28 April: 53 in favor of the amendment, 3 opposed.

Membership Committee chairperson Marilyn Guin has compiled a list of approximately 200 addresses of libraries and institutions overseas that are potential IAMSLIC members. She and Betty recommended to the board that these people be sent a letter describing IAMSLIC, a membership application, and a sample of IAMSLIC newsletters.

The Ad Hoc Committee on a translations data base has sent a report to Betty, and copies have been forwarded to board members. According to Betty, the report basically says that translations currently being produced by the National Marine Fisheries Service and Department of Fisheries & Oceans in U. S. and Canada can be incorporated into the ASFA database.

OLD BUSINESS: Sixty-two copies of the "Directory of Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers" have been sold as of 29 April. Half of the sales proceeds will be forwarded to the IAMSLIC treasury.

There has been no response from the membership to Betty's notice in the last newsletter concerning the merging of Aquatic Sciences & Fisheries Abstracts and Oceanic Abstracts. Betty will not continue to solicit comments.

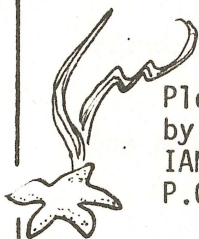
NEW BUSINESS: Carolyn gave a report on the 1982 conference program. Attendees will arrive in Beaufort on Sunday, 17 October. Monday morning sessions will be on the legal/political aspects of geography of the sea; Monday afternoon will include the first business meeting. Tuesday morning will be devoted to maps and atlases, followed by tours and the banquet that afternoon and evening. The final business meeting is scheduled for Wednesday morning, with special interest groups meeting afterwards. Betty suggested that the Union List of Atlases session be scheduled prior to the final business meeting, so it would not conflict with another special interest group meeting.

Betty reported for Ann Bowman Hall and Jean Williams on the conference local arrangements. The conference package will include registration, dinner Sunday night at the hotel, Monday lunch and dinner, and Tuesday night banquet. Bus transportation from Jacksonville, N.C. airport to Beaufort will be an optional fee. Attendees will stay at the Holiday Inn, and a spouse ticket will be offered. Teri Lynn Herbert of the Duke University Marine Biomedical Center library will be responsible for organizing exhibits. Kenneth Morse of the University of Rhode Island Pell Library will act as Parliamentarian.

Betty reported that IAMSLIC has been invited to hold the 1985 conference at the Musee Oceanographique in Monaco. Rather than opening discussion on whether or not we should accept the invitation, Betty asked that the board be ready to discuss the issue at the pre-conference board meeting in Beaufort.

In an effort to facilitate IAMSLIC mailings, the membership/ mailing list is to be moved from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution to Bedford Institute. Betty said that she and Carolyn have discussed the type of data base required for effective management of the list, and agreed that the computer at Bedford was better equipped. The mailing list data base will probably be ready for use by next November.

Alison Chesney



#### YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO CREATE A LOGO FOR IAMSLIC

Please harken back to the guidelines for design sent to everyone by Alison Chesney, and submit your ideas to Betty Sutherland, IAMSLIC president, Library, Bedford Institute of Oceanography, P.O. Box 1006, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia B2Y 4A2, Canada







## CONFERENCE '82

### THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE OCEANS

8th Annual IAMSLIC Conference, Beaufort, North Carolina  
October 17-20, 1982

Duke University Marine Laboratory and  
NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service  
Southeast Fisheries Center

The nineteen-eighties promise to be exciting in terms of the political geography of the oceans. The proposed Law of the Sea Treaty and the impending World Court case on the U.S.-Canadian boundaries in the North Atlantic will involve us all, putting great demands on our libraries' resources and our knowledge of each other's resources.

Our program this year will be divided between the political-economic aspects and the physical aspects. As an international organization, we have an obligation to present both the U.S. and the Canadian viewpoints. Therefore, our main theme session will be a panel of experts drawn from both sides of the border. Margaret Aycock, Librarian, University of Virginia School of Law, is Moderator for this session. Our second theme session will be a panel on maps, charts, and atlases. William Stanley, Chief of the Physical Sciences Division, National Ocean Survey, is Moderator for this panel of experts. A special session devoted to our Association project--the Union List of Oceanographic Atlases is also scheduled. Anyone interested in assuming the responsibility for this project please contact Carolyn Winn, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts 02543, phone (617) 548-1400.

IAMSLIC members will have the opportunity to present papers on topics related to our theme. Contributions which cover areas such as reference books, databases, significant library collections, other information resources, case histories and bibliographies on politically sensitive areas will be particularly welcome. This session will be scheduled Monday afternoon and the time slot assigned to each speaker will range from 10 to 20 minutes, depending on the number of papers submitted. Please submit a title and brief abstract to Carolyn Winn, our Program Convenor.

Meeting rooms will be available for small groups. The Gulf Coast Marine Science Librarians are planning to hold an organizational meeting. Any other special interest groups who would like to have a time and place of their own, please contact Jean Williams, Duke University Marine Laboratory Library, Beaufort, North Carolina 28516, phone (919) 728-2111. Space is available and may be reserved for exhibits by contacting Ann Bowman Hall, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service, Beaufort, North Carolina 28516, phone (919) 728-4595. Registration information will be mailed to IAMSLIC members in August. Please contact Jean Williams for this information if you are not on the IAMSLIC mailing list.

This is an excerpt from the program mock-up for our October conference sent to us by Ann Hall. It is clear that the conference this year will be successful, enjoyable and informative. Ann and Jean Williams send glowing words of praise for their organizers in North Carolina: Teri Lynne Herbert, DURL, Beaufort, who will be in charge of exhibits; Judy Dolce of the Health Sciences Library, UNC, Chapel Hill, for handling publicity; and Brenda Bright, Institute of Marine Science, UNC, Morehead City, who is managing the conference finances.

...And, don't forget Jean William's invitation to "dress very casual and enjoy an evening of fun on the dock with a shrimp and crab feast."

*from the editor*



# Supplements

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(If you don't own one, order through the Office of the Research Librarian, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA 02543)

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## WASHINGTON

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Library  
Friday Harbor Laboratories  
University of Washington  
P.O. Box 459  
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Tom Moritz,  
Librarian

(206) 378-2501 or (206) 543-1484

Open: 24 hours daily, Mon.-Fri. (year-round).

Users Policy: ILL through ILL Office (206-543-1899). Suzzallo Library  
FM-25, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195.

Services: Computer based bibliographic searching; on-site reference service,  
June-August. Reference Service/General Library Information, September-May  
(206) 543-4279.

Description of Collection: Marine Biology.

Subjects: Invertebrate Embryology, locally specific materials.

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Musee Oceanographique, Bibliotheque  
Avenue Saint-Martin  
Monaco-Ville  
MC-98000 MONACO

Jacqueline Carpine-Lancré,  
Head Librarian  
Cecile Thiery, Librarian  
Josette Goreux,  
Assistant Librarian (Monographs)  
Anne-Marie Alinat,  
Assistant Librarian (Serials)

(93) 30.15.14, Ext. 07; Telex 469037 REMONA

Open: 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

Users Policy: Open to public.

Services: Photocopying, ILL, Reference (no restrictions).

Description of Collection: 18,000 monographs (books, reports, theses);  
3,500 (1,200 active) serial titles; printed reports of nearly 100  
oceanographic expeditions; 15,000 reprints; 20 linear meters of archives.

Subjects: Oceanography, Marine Biology, Marine Pollution, Aquaculture,  
"Aquariology", History of Oceanography.

Publications: Weekly list of newly received monographs, list of new issues  
of serials, pamphlets and meetings announcements (3 times a week), Publications  
of the Library-"Liste des publications en serie recues par la bibliotheque du  
Musee Oceanographique en 1972" (List of serials received by the Library of  
Oceanographic Museum in 1972) and yearly updates; Publications of the Museum-  
Bulletin de l'Institut oceanographique (irregular; 1904- ) and Memories de  
l'Institut oceanographique (irregular; 1970- ).

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News From Canada

by Audrey Conroy, Regional Editor.

K. E. Marshall, Head, Scientific Information Services and Library, Freshwater Institute, 501 University Crescent, Winnipeg, Man., R3T 2N6, advised of the availability of:

Marshall, K. E. and Layton, M. 1981, An index to the Publications of the Staff of the Western Region, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, 1978-1979. Canadian Technical Report of Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences No. 992.

Scott, D. P., 1981, Biennial Report - 1976-78, Western Region, Fisheries and Marine Service, Department of Fisheries and the Environment, Canadian Technical Report of Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences No. 1019.

Sharon Thomson, Institute of Ocean Sciences, P.O. Box 6000, 9860 West Sannich Road, Sidney, B.C., V8L 4B2 has produced a catalog with author, title, subject access to the Arctic Petroleum Operators Association reports that they receive as a depository. Those interested in the catalog should contact Sharon.

Eve Dowie, Librarian, Canada Centre for Inland Waters, 867 Lakeshore Road, Box 5050, Burlington, Ont., L7R 4A6, is Chairman, Natural Resources Division, Special Libraries Association at SLA Conference in Detroit June 5-10, 1982.

Gordon Miller, Librarian, Pacific Biological Station, Nanaimo, B.C., reported (January 28, 1982) that there is a list of surplus Canadian federal fisheries publications available from: Library, West Vancouver Laboratory  
Fisheries and Oceans  
4160 Marine Drive  
West Vancouver, B.C., V7V 1N6

The Council of Fisheries & Oceans librarians meet at the Freshwater Institute in Winnipeg, May 18-19, 1982. A report of this meeting will be in the next issue.

News from the United Kingdom

by Audrey Conroy, Regional Editor.

Allen Varley, Head of Library and Information Service, Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom, The Laboratory, Citadel Hill, Plymouth, PL1 2PB is the "unofficial" representative of the UK Marine and Freshwater Librarians Group - an informal information network which has been operating for the past twelve years. Their 1982 meeting is to be held May 11-12 at the Windermere Laboratory of the Freshwater Biological Association. Hopefully Allen will let us know what happened in time for our next issue.

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A note from Gary Knight, president of Jonathan Publishing Company

Gary has announced publication of the MARINE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT REPORTER, a two-volume loose-leaf reporter and service--to be updated at least 8 times per year--with comprehensive coverage of marine fisheries management issues in the U.S. A free descriptive brochure is available on request from the Jonathan Publishing Company, 1152 Ingleside, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70806 (or call Gary Knight at 504-388-8701 or 504-387-6098). "Anyone who will take a few minutes to obtain and read the descriptive material on MFMR will agree that it is destined to become an indispensable tool for businessmen, resource managers, attorneys and others involved in marine fisheries management."



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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTS COLLECTION AT BEDFORD INSTITUTE OF  
OCEANOGRAPHY by Betty Sutherland



The Bedford Institute of Oceanography library is currently developing a special collection of marine environmental assessment documents. This non-circulating collection will include material produced in connection with the environmental assessment of major eastern and arctic coastal and offshore development projects under the Canadian federal Environmental Assessment and Review Process (EARP), as well as Initial Environmental Evaluations (IEE), Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) and other supporting studies. The Federal Environmental Assessment Review Office (FEARO) also prepares reports and evaluates input from the public, proponents, and government departments. The Bedford Institute of Oceanography library is endeavoring to collect all these documents containing environmental information. Much of the material is unpublished and receives limited distribution. The documents are being catalogued according to the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, 2nd ed., and holdings will be reported to the Nova Scotia Union Catalogue.

The collection will no doubt be of great use to scientists and technicians from both government and industry who are involved in coastal and offshore projects, as well as interested and concerned members of the public. It will continue to grow as new projects are initiated and the reports generated by existing projects continue to appear.

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CONFERENCE 1981 - One abstract from the IAMSLIC Conference in La Jolla that we have room for this issue. More will be forthcoming in August.

The Librarian versus the Non-bibliographic Online Database: the Next Round.  
by Barbara Quint, Rand Corporation Library

Non-bibliographic databases contain useful information accessible at unmatched levels of retrieval. The most significant things about non-bibliographic databases are their diversity and profusion. The main types are:

- 1) Directory. Many of these traditional reference tools are available through the major database vendors.
- 2) Dictionary - e.g. Chemname.
- 3) Full-text databases such as LEXIS, the full text newspaper (NYTOL) and the Videotext system.
- 4) Technology transfer databases - a miscellany of files supporting technical problem areas such as TECHNOTE, a file on the current location of oil spill clean-up equipment, etc.
- 5) Numeric databases - a.) Statistical or large numerical time series files. These may cover economic, demographic, and business statistics. The bigger they are, the better. b.) Scientific or technical evaluated data files. These strive for the single right answer. One example is the Hazardous Materials - Technical Assistance Data System (OHM-TADS) from EPA.

The distinguishing characteristics of the search services supporting these non-bibliographic sources are that these are usually end-user systems, not information intermediary tools; they often use more difficult and non-standard retrieval software; they are often restricted either in access or by equipment; and they are usually expensive. They require more negotiations and arrangements than the traditional search services and provide a minimum of documentation and customer support.

The problem for the librarian is to find the databases you need in the services you can use. There is no comprehensive directory of numeric databases. Sources to use in locating and identifying non-bibliographic databases are: Martha Williams' Computer Readable Data Bases (ASIS); Directory of Online Databases (Cuadra Associates); EUSIDIC Databases Guide; Federal Information Resources and Systems and Services; and the periodicals, Online, Database, Online Review, CODATA Bulletin (ICSU). The next step is negotiation. Be careful. Ask for test searches to be done and price them out to give you a guess at probable cost. Request a trial subscription period.



Bargain. Press them for documentation. Ask in-house experts what to ask the database producers and search services. Have a clear idea as to exactly what service the library or information center is providing and how far the library's reputation is committed to the accuracy of the answers supplied.

The non-bibliographic databases are here now and more are coming. If we don't supply these services, they will come anyway--and why should the end-users have all the fun!



IAMSLIC Membership Report from Alison Chesney (abbreviated version)  
The IAMSLIC membership list continues to grow and diversify! We have now received dues for 104 personal memberships and 20 institutional memberships for the 1981/82 fiscal year. Here is a look at the regional breakdown:

REGION	NUMBER MEMBERSHIPS
U.S. East Coast	52
U.S. Gulf Coast (including all of Florida and Puerto Rico)	19
U.S. West Coast (including Alaska)	20
U.S. Interior (Arizona and Michigan)	2
Canada East Coast (N.B., N.S., NFLD.)	10
Canada Interior (Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba)	7
Canada West Coast (British Columbia)	6
Other: U.K., Monaco, Greece, Panama, S. Africa and Phillipines	8

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U.S. Dept. of Commerce, NOAA  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Panama City Laboratory Library  
3500 Delwood Beach Road  
Panama City, FL 32407-7499

Rosalie Vaught, Librarian

(904) 234-6541

Federal Government Library. Open: 8:30-5:00, Mon.-Fri.

Users Policy: Open to public. Loans to public with permission.

Services: Photocopying, ILL, and Reference, DIALOG search service. On-line searching for staff only. Laboratory publications available upon request.

Description of Collection: 2,500 books, 400 periodical titles, 8,000 technical reports, and 7,8000 reprints.

Subjects: Fishery science, marine biology, and oceanography.

Consortium/Network Memberships: NOAA Library and Information Network.

Publications: Annual list of publications available from the laboratory.

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\* ALL YE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER--  
\* THE DEADLINE WILL BE AUGUST 5. Please send your editor any news  
\* and/or information you would like to share with the membership.  
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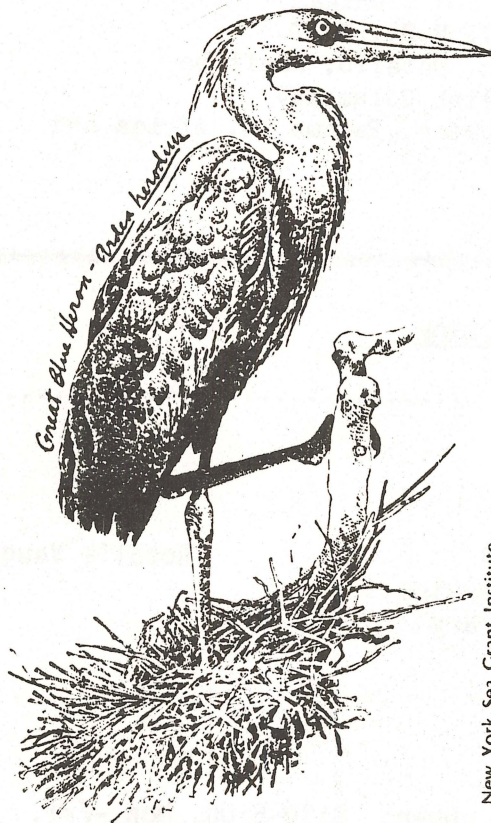


Reminders:

Start planning for Conference 82 in Beaufort, N.C.

Remember to try the logo contest

Above all remember Carolyn Winn's call for papers  
see page 3.



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